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Today I went out to Benedict about 12:00. First I went to the steering committee meeting of the NAACP here. There were six people there besides myself, two of them students. They talked some about Grangeburg and then ate dinner. Bernard and I left to attend a rally of the students over at Benedict. There were not but about a hundred students there. We sang freedom songs and I spoke.

At 4:00 I went down to the office of the South Carolina Council on Human Rel. to talk to Mrs. Ledgean. We talked about 30 min. on the intercollegent group and the SCRR. About 4:50 I went downtown to observe the demonstrations. I came back to Bethel Baptist Church after a while and met Emmett. We decided to go back and see if we could purchase the tickets at the theaters for the students. I tried this since Emmett is so well known. The first two theaters I went to I asked for 15 tickets for a theater party for my friends. I was turned away when I would not answer wheather they were black or white. At the 3rd theater I ask for 4 teckets and got them. I and three of the demonstrators started into the theater when a policeman grabed me. When I ask if I were under arrest he said I was. The charge was trespassing on the campus of the USC. They had no warrant. When they got me to the police station they proccessed me and looked me up with the white prisimors. They said that they would let me make a phone call in a few min. but every time I ask them I got the same answer. At about 8:00 I was allowed to see att. Hemphill Pride. He said they were trying to get me out but they were still investigating me. I finely got out about 10:00.

Att. Pride drove me out to the wesley Foundation where I talked to Don Bundy, the chaplin there. He made a phone call to someone at the university. When he had finashed he told me that all the university wanted was for me to get out of town. After I finished talking to don I went to get something to eat and met Emmett who was looking for me. We went to eat and I told him all about it.

Oct. 3

This morning I went down to Attl Perry and Prides office. I talked to attl Perry first. He is the main NAACP lawyer for this area. ATT. MATHEW PERRY. He is the mayjor lawyer is the Grangeburge cases. Later I talked to Pride. I spent the whole morning in their office.

Field Report: Sam Shirah

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About 12:30 I went over to the NAACP office and talked with Rev. Newman, who is the field sect. of the NAACP in South Carolina. He told me that the NAACP would take care of the cost of the case and so forth. After finishing there I went to the office of the SCCHR to talk to Mrs. Ladean. She already knew of my arrest because it was on the radio and in the newspapers. She did not know that it was connected with the university, however. She expressed the feeling that it might be unwise for me to attend the intercollegent group meeting that night. She told me to see the Luthern chaplin at the university to be sure that I could come since he was the adult advisor. I left her office and went to see Carl Ficken at the Luthern Center but he was not in, so I went to Wesley Foundation. Here I was able to get a group of students to go to the meeting. About 5:00 I went back to the Luthern Center and talked to Ficken. He said it would be fine for me to come. I left there and went downtown to the Bethel Baptist Church. Some of the students from the university went with me. We ate supper there and then walked over to Allen University. I first met with the intercollegent group. We met for about an hour and 15 min. and planned the projects and programs for the next year. After that was over I went to the freedom rally which the students from Benedict and Allen were having in the auditorium. There were about 15 hundred people there. We marched around the campus and sang freedom songs. The line of students reached all the way around the campus, 4 abreast. It was by far the largest rally I've seen there. I think that there should be several hundred people in jail here in the next week. If this is any indication.

Oct. 4

This morning I had my trial. Att. Mathew Perry was my lawyer. There were no witnesses that I had been on the University campus so the judge threw the case out. The campus police chief Mr. Bundricks was very upset about the outcome since he signed the warrant. After the trial there was a long meeting with the judge, att. Perry and Bundricks as well as a bunch of other people I don't know. I understand from my lawyer that it was just an argument about points of law. This afternoon I came to Orangeburg.